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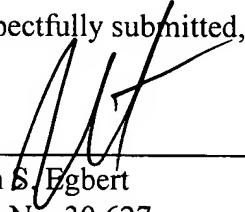
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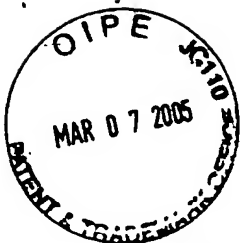
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 15, 2004, a response being due by March 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel the Claims 17 - 32 and substitute Claims 32 - 46 therefor as follows:

Claims 1 - 16 (canceled by an earlier amendment).

Claims 17 - 32 (canceled herein).

33. (new) An apparatus for applying a coating medium, the device comprising:

a substrate;

at least one spray valve having a nozzle opening, said nozzle opening having an outlet area, the spray valve having a supply section arranged in front of said nozzle opening;

a closing means cooperative with said nozzle opening for adjusting a size of said outlet area;